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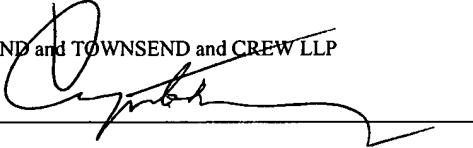
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Akira Murotani, et al.

Application No.: 09/964,069

Filed: September 25, 2001

For: STORAGE CONTROLLER AND
COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR
MANAGING INFORMATION
RELATED TO CONNECTION PORT

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2038

Examiner: Benjamin A. Ailes

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2142

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.